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SUBJECT: REGULATORY CONTROL OF ACUPUNCTURE

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1. ACCORDING TO EMBASSY CONTACTS IN FRG MINISTRY OF YOUTH, FAMILY AND HEALTH AFFAIRS, GERMANY HAS NO REGULATIONS ABOUT TRAINING, LICENSING AND PRACTICE OF ACUPUNCTURE. IF PERFORMED BY A MEDICAL DOCTOR, ACUPUNCTURE WOULD FALL UNDER CONCEPT OF "MEDICAL FREEDOM".

2. HEALTH MINISTRY HAS APPARENTLY SUCCESSFULLY DISCOURAGED GERMAN DOCTORS WHO WERE TRAINING THEIR COLLEAGUES IN COURSES CONDUCTED IN SWITZERLAND. A HEALTH MINISTRY REQUEST FOR INFORMATION FROM CHINESE (PRC) AUTHORITIES WAS ANSWERED WITH REQUEST FOR PATIENCE BECAUSE ACUPUNCTURE DATA HAD NOT YET BEEN TRANSLATED. GERMAN OFFICIALS HAVE DISCUSSED ACUPUNCTURE WITH MEMBERS OF VISITING CHINESE DELEGATION BUT DO NOT RPT NOT SEEM TO BE IMPRESSED.
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